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**From:** Dave Dobbs  
**To:** Miyamoto, Faith  
**Sent:** 6/27/2007 3:16:43 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project Website

Thank you, Faith.

What a beautiful name you have! I couldn't quite make the pronunciation out from the voice mail, but now that I see it I know how to say it.

The reason for my inquiry was one from Susan Clark over at the Nine O Nine Kapiolani Project at 537 Cummins Street, Suite 200 there in Honolulu and after I looked up the web site y'all provided and looked at your MPO's web site I was able to give her the specific hyperlinks that were apropos to her request for a "light rail map" on the web.

As I wrote to my technical advisor (a planner and a part time data analyst at Capital Metro), foreign investment is looking for rail transit opportunities, something America has precious little of although there has been something of a revolution as 14 US cities have opened completely new from-the-ground-up LRT systems since San Diego opened the first one in 1981. My complete comments on that matter follow.

Here is another example of a developer interested in opportunities along future light rail projects. This one "POSEC Hawaii, Inc., the developer of 909 Kapiolani, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Seoul-based POSCO Engineering & Construction (POSCO E & C), one of Korea's leading construction companies." Incidentally, Nine O Nine Kapiolani Project is a senior housing facility under construction in Honolulu.

<http://www.909kapiolani.com/posec.nsf/thedeveloper>

What our government and Corporate America fail to understand and/or choose to risk at their our peril is that in the coming age of vastly increased energy prices, America with it's relatively limited rail transit infrastructure is not going attract foreign investment on the same scale as say many Asian and European countries. Transit in an energy scarce world is going to be critical to new housing and development everywhere and we are not prepared for this new world. With all of its old streetcar systems, is Poland is likely to attract more new capital on a per capita basis than the US ten years from now? Of course, i recognize that there are a lot of factors at work here, but it's interesting food for thought.

Below I've included a picture from Poznan, one of nine Polish cities where we rode trams last summer. While there are a lot of automobiles in Poland, the country's urban areas still have extensive street railway systems with frequent service and heavy ridership.

I see Hawaii as particularly vulnerable to any dramatic disruption of petroleum supplies and wonder if it's only when the disaster is upon us that we will find the will to act. Oh, well, we put the original streetcars in with labor gangs, horses and mules and I guess it can be done again--but I'd rather not!

Thanks, again.

Regards,  
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On Jun 27, 2007, at 6:57 PM, Faith Miyamoto wrote:

Hi Mr. Dobbs –

You may find information regarding our project at the website, [www.honolulutransit.org](http://www.honolulutransit.org).

Please give me a call if I can be of further assistance.

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